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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated May 21, 2004 (Paper No. 05152004). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on August 21, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for two months, to October 21, 2004. The \$215.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below. October 20, 2004 Aaron A. Fishman Name of Attorney for Applicant(s) Signature of Attorney/Date